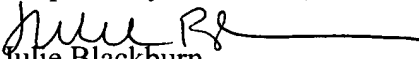


REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed September 14, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a second Preliminary Amendment. While the Office stated that only the Amendment to the Claims section needed to be resubmitted, Applicants submit the entire Preliminary Amendment and include several additional corrections, in particular, the serial number and filing date of the application, as well as updated information about the Examiner and Art Unit. In addition, the number of claims in the Preliminary Amendment has been correctly noted as "33" rather than "39".

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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